

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

5 December 1958

Present: Mr. Royal Wald, State
Mr. Richard Bauer, Army
Mr. Henry Holt, Army
Mr. Frank J. Johnson, Navy
Maj. George Budrevets, Air Force

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Mr. Lewis Evans, OHD
Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman, CIA

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Mr. Elmer Bacha, Air Force

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1. The seventh meeting convened at 1400 hours in Room 1121 N Building. The minutes of the sixth meeting were approved with the following amendments:

by Maj. Budrevets.

- page 1, paragraph 1, should read "proposed

be, for the most part, should read "would now
devoted to"

Mr. Wald stated as a clarification that he wanted it understood that Mr. Horlick's remarks in the previous minutes referred to Eastern European Satellites only and not to other areas of Department activity. He added that foreign language reference material will still in the future be available to State analysts but not as accessible as now.

2. Summary of Recommendations and Action on Eastern Europe Program

A. Recommendation: Less bulk, greater speed, higher level of reporting.

Action: (a) Action initiated to expedite receipt of a selected list of East European publications required for more timely dissemination of the FDD Eastern Europe Press Summary.

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C. Recommendation: Production of a useable summary of current events in Poland in lieu of the Polish provincial press summary.

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In general, PWD has turned to exploitation of journals and the provincial press as underdeveloped areas requiring more attention than the central east European press.

D. Recommendation: Regular exploitation of "Monitor Polski."

Action: This publication, as well as the important companion publication "Dziennik Urzadu," is regularly exploited for information on political, economic services, and economic management developments and information from these sources appears in the appropriate PWD report.

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Army

Recommendation: Organization of technical data in a separate section of the Military Report on Eastern Europe.

1. Technical data, of interest to practically all branches of the services, is sometimes difficult to isolate from other topics, or if placed in separate section might sometimes have to be lifted out of context. Such information is normally found in the Tactics, Weapons, and Equipment Section of the Military Report on Eastern Europe. Army analysts should also be referred to plant data reporting in the Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe. FDD analysts have taken steps to establish liaison contacts with Army geographic analysts.
2. Information on training, command relationships, and on the standardization of weapons and equipment will be reported as it is available. This is SCP.

Navy

Recommendation: More frequent reporting of economic trends; coverage of military budgets, Bulgarian naval personnel, and Hungarian river guard installations; exploitation of "A K Vorans."

Economic trends are normally identified and reported weekly in dispatches by the various embassies and legations abroad. FDD will confirm such trends when they are observed by emphasis on information providing confirmation, and through commentaries of its own. Coverage on military budgets, Bulgarian naval personnel, and Hungarian river guard installations will be reported as it becomes available. FDD has not seen A K Vorans, believed to be a publication of the East German Navy. However, a subscription has been placed for this source.

3. On Air Force's recommendation from the previous meeting on the USSR Program that FDD further exploit secondary education in the USSR, the Chairman said that FDD was prepared to undertake further work on this and will do it by consultation with Air Force analysts to get their requirements.

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4. Mr. Bauer commented on the problem of isolating military information. He said it is still a problem where the technical people are broken down on a geographic basis. The geographic analyst can pick out items of interest, but it would be helpful if a separate technical section could be added for the technical people.

The Chairman said PDD has the problem of serving many consumers, and a report can only be broken down one way. He stated that PDD would look into the increased indexing of all the reports and that it might be provided by the table of contents or a cross-index that would give the consumer a page to find what is of interest to him. The Chairman asked Mr. Bauer if this would answer Army's need.

Mr. Bauer said that it would not matter where they are in the report if they could be identified in the Table of Contents. He suggested a subdivision of the Table of Contents for technical information with general headings and subheadings.

The Chairman said CIA was not making this as a proposal as they do not want to go to any extreme with indexing but would see what could be accomplished by expanded "contents listing". He then added that CIA recommends that PDD look into it to see what can be developed along these lines.

Mr. Bauer added that if this would slow up the product then it would be highly undesirable. He suggested a standard format to designate "material" etc., to flag things for the analysts or other headings.

The Chairman agreed that in developing a remedy no curtailment in reporting effort or in time of preparation should be risked.

5. Far East Program

STATE

Mr. Wald said the reaction, in general, was satisfaction. State Analysts are pleased with the coverage on Communist China and Indonesia and less happy with North Korea and North Vietnam. Problems of changing needs are satisfied through regular monthly meetings between PDD and State analysts.

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STATSPEC [redacted] State is interested in more coverage of China from non-Chinese publications. Mr. Wald suggests that as the Monthly Information Report on Continental

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Southeast Asia has dropped reporting on Thailand, that the title be changed to Monthly Information Report on North Vietnam. Complaints on North Vietnam and North Korean coverage were not on what is presented, but indicated a desire for more information if possible. Economic material on North Vietnam was useful and is a basic source--one of the very few available. But State is concerned that there is not more coverage on the political side. With North Vietnam and North Korea they are not sure where the problem lies, whether it is procurement of source material, budget, allocation, or personnel.

The Chairman said it was a problem of procurement. It is a problem in getting North Korean publications. At present the procurement is through Moscow and Tokyo; FDD hopes to get more publications out of North Vietnam.

25X1A Mr. Wald queried whether the Thai linguists could be shifted to work on Laos. [redacted] said they have already been shifted and that information on Laos would appear either in the SEA Report or the International Communist Development Report. Mr. Wald said they are trying to expedite procurement of Laos material.

25X1A FDD's reporting on Indonesia is exceedingly good and there is very good liaison between FDD and State analysts. He added that State's dependence on the Economic Report has declined and unless other agencies have any objections, he suggested cutting down on the economic coverage. He stated that the illness of one of the Embassy translators in Djakarta may require additional assistance from FDD.

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He wondered if this Committee would send a memorandum to the appropriate authority pointing out specific publications needed on a high priority basis.

The Chairman said he would draft a memo to the Chairman of the Procurement Committee stating the deficiency on North Korea, North Vietnam and China urging that Committee to take special procurement action. He said he would route a copy of the draft to each of the Committee members for concurrence.

ARMY

Mr. Bauer said that in general, the analysts are pleased with FDD reporting. They are especially happy over the tremendous expansion of OB information resulting from a revision in exploitation procedures. All of this is, of course, disrupted by the complete breakdown in procurement of the major Chinese language military

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newspaper, the Chieh-fang-chun Pao. Army would like to see more information on the production of heavy equipment such as rolling stock, tractors, etc. Indexing in the Weekly Information Report on Communist China or in the Table of Contents would be of great assistance to the subject specialists.

It was Army's feeling that the coverage of Bloc publications on the Far East Communist countries is still inadequate. But they are aware that FID had taken steps to cover this. He then suggested, to insure that this coverage was thorough in Bloc coverage, that a list of significant military days, anniversaries, etc., could be prepared so that the Bloc analysts could exploit in more detail on those special days. Now that the major military newspaper is not available, there is more need for coverage of provincial press for military information. Army has a very strong requirement on information on Mongolia, especially the Mongolian Army, said Mr. Bauer. Information in the NIS on Mongolia is outdated and FID might investigate anything available in the Bloc sources on Mongolia.

25X1A [redacted] stated that Mongolia is now being covered from Russian sources published in Mongolia, and FID may start a new report series on Mongolia.

The Indonesian desk is crying for additional information; he is pleased with what he receives but wants more coverage.

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NAVY

Mr. Johnson said that Navy analysts accept the FID material as the best available. The most useful are the Weekly Information Report on Communist China and the Military Information Report on Communist China. Those using the China Military Report keep close liaison with FID analysts. The analyst using the Weekly Information Report on Communist China wondered if more shipbuilding information could be added to the transportation section. [redacted]

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[redacted] with the reporting.

Navy is satisfied

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AIR FORCE

Maj. Budrevets said all publications of FDD are well received by Air Force and they are more dependent on them for information now because Air Force has cut down on production in political, sociological and economic fields. Some time ago, they had a survey taken on the Far East on what was available there and they will be submitting requirements to cover gaps. ATIC is going to undertake a program to abstract 33 Chinese scientific and technical journals on a cover-to-cover basis. (He will bring a list of the journals to the next meeting.) They will be similar to the 5x8 cards on the scientific and technical Soviet journals. People qualified to do this work are hard to find and Air is using Chinese who have received degrees in the States. Maj. Budrevets said he would give a further report later. He said that scientific journals from Pakistan are available already.

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

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[redacted] said NSA's reaction to the Far East Program is that it is excellent and they want more of it. They like the Weekly Information Report on Communist China and the Military Information Report on Communist China. They would like expansion in characters or SMC numbers of personalities, plants, and unusual place names. Military information on North Vietnam is very useful; the analysts asked for more translations from the Quan Dai Khanh D'm.

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[redacted] said they always give the characters on the first occurrence for plants and personal names; FDD will look into similar treatment of place names.

CIA

The Chairman said the Weekly Information Report on Communist China is very valuable to CIA; CIA feels that there is a very great need for Chicom information at this time-- the more the better. CIA likes the Highlights section of the Weekly Report and would like to see a continuation of trends and analyses as they have occurred from time to time, especially in the International Communism Report. Some feel that on certain subjects, there has been a drop in quality. [redacted]

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[redacted] The Military Information Report on Communist China is of value and should be continued; it is, of course more valuable to the military services than to CIA. CIA wishes all FDD reports on the Far East to continue although the value to CIA varies greatly. Reports on China, Vietnam, and the Economic Report

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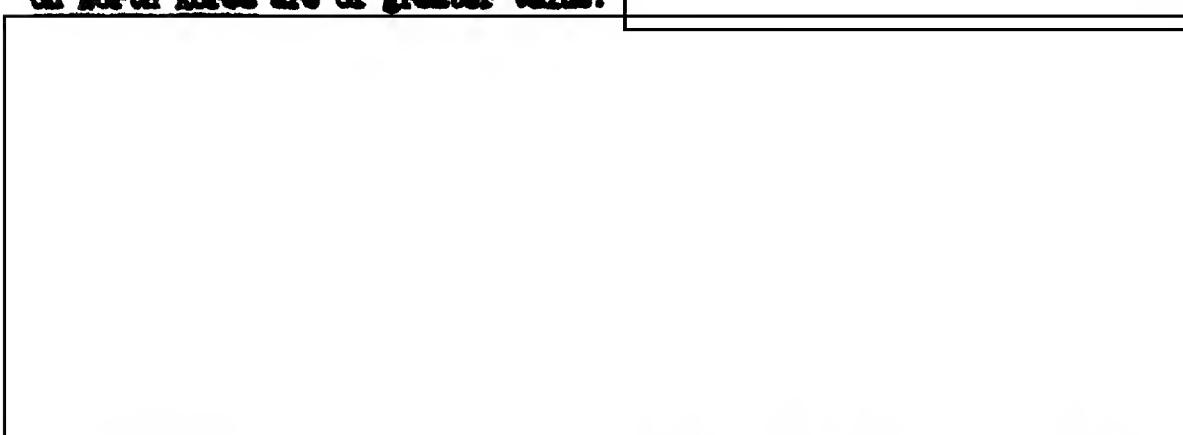
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on North Korea are of greater value.



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[redacted] reported from the PROCTB Committee meeting that the Library of Congress has submitted a proposal for money and manpower for an index to Chinese publications comparable to the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions. The next evaluation of open literature will deal with Scandinavia and Latin American publications. Contributions for these evaluations should be submitted to ICD/State.

The Chairman distributed first copies of Report on Crime in the USSR and USSR Agriculture and Farm Machinery. The meeting adjourned at 1600 hours and the next meeting will be held in 1121 M Building on 16 January 1959 at 1400 hours.



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